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SUBJ/POSSIBLE CCC CREDIT FOR FY 1977 PURCHASES

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1. IN PARAGRAPH 2 ARE QUANTITIES GOP HOPES TO IMPORT FROM U.S. UNDER EITHER P.L. 480 OR CCC CREDIT TERMS DURING FIRST TWO QUARTERS FY 1977. AGATT HAS SUPPLIED ESTIMATED IMPORTS FINAL 6 MONTHS (COL. 3).

GOP BUYS 95,000 MT YELLOW CORN AND 35,000 MT GRAIN SORGHUM MONTHLY FOR CASH IF CREDIT NOT AVAILABLE; U.S. SUPPLIES MOST OF THESE TWO GRAINS.

2. FOLLOWING ARE ESTIMATED METRIC-TON IMPORTS:

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SUPPLIERS OCT-DEC JAN-MAR APR-SEP

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NO. 3 YELLOW CORN 1/ US, ARG.,

BRAZIL,

S.A. 285,000 285,000 570,000

GRAIN SORGHUM US, ARG. 110,000 110,000 210,000

WHEAT 2/ US, FR.,

ARG. 0 170,000 130,000

RICE (MILLED) US, ITALY 20,000 3/40,000 40,000

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SOYBEANS US, BRAZIL 24,500 60,000 40,000

SOYBEAN MEAL BRAZIL 4/ 20,000 10,000 10,000

PEANUTS (SHELLED) BRAZIL,

GAMBIA, US

G. BISSAU 24,500 28,450 N/A

1/ PORTUGAL ALSO BUYS WHITE CORN (ABOUT 10,000 MT MONTHLY)

USUALLY FROM SOUTH AFRICA

2/ ALSO BUYS ABOUT 30,000 MT EACH, PER YEAR, FOR AZORES AND MADEIRA.

3/ VOLUME TO BE SHIPPED IN SEPTEMBER AND RECEIVED OCTOBER UNDER 8/13/76 AMENDMENT TO P.L. 480 TITLE I AGREEMENT.

4/ 75,000 MT PURCHASED FROM BRAZIL 1975/76; GOP INTENDS TO SHIFT TO U:S. SOYBEAN MEAL THIS YEAR.

3. FOLLOWING ARE REQUESTED WHEAT, FEEDGRAIN, AND SOYBEAN IMPORT ESTIMATES FOR FY 1976, TRANSITIONAL QUARTER, AND FY 1977 FROM ALL SUPPLIERS AND FROM U.S.:

	1975/76	TQ	1976/77			
	TOTAL	U.S.	U.S.	TOTAL	U.S.	
WHEAT	265,300	156,000	45,000	300,000	200,000	
CORN	1,182,400	1,073,200	275,000	1,350,000	1,200,000	
GRAIN SOR-						
GHUM	340,800	109,100	55,000	420,000	300,000	
RICE						
(MILLED)	67,400	57,400	14,000	75,000	55,000	
SOYBEANS	98,500*	98,500*	47,000	125,000	125,000	

* GOP IMPORT FIGURES; U.S. CENSUS BUREAU REPORTS EXPORTS OF 136,623 MY SOYBEANS TO PORTUGAL IN FY 1976.

4. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNAL TRADE REPORTS THAT ALL OF \$62 MILLION CCC CREDIT WILL BE PURCHASED AND SHIPPED IN FY 1976. IN ADDITION, GOP IS MAKING TALLOW PURCHASES UNDER CCC AND PLANS FOLLOWING PURCHASES JAN., FEB., MARCH 1977: 2,000, 1,000, AND 2,100 MT, RESPECTIVELY.
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